

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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May 9, 2003

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**162nd Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**June 11-18, 2003**  
**Best Western Kodiak Inn**  
**236 Rezanof**  
**Kodiak, AK**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet June 11 through June 18, 2003 at the Best Western Kodiak Inn in Kodiak, AK. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

<u>Committee/Panel</u>	<u>Beginning</u>
Advisory Panel	8:00 am, Mon., June 9 at the Kodiak Elks Lodge 102 Marine Way
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 am, Mon., June 9 at the Fishermen's Hall 503 Marine Way
Enforcement Committee (T)	6:30 pm, Tues., June 10, 2003 (Harbor Room)
Department of Agriculture (Seafood labeling)	5:00 pm, Thur., June 12, 2003 (Harbor Room)
Hogarth Constituent Workshop/Reception	2:00-8:00 pm, Fri., June 13, 2003 (Harbor Room)
Coast Guard Public Workshop	6:00 pm-9:00 pm, Sat., June 14, 2003 (Harbor Room)

All meetings will meet at the Hotel unless otherwise noted. All meetings are open to the public, except executive sessions of the Council. Other committee and workgroup meetings may be scheduled on short notice during the week, and will be posted at the hotel.

## INFORMATION FOR PERSONS WISHING TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sign-up sheets are available at the registration table for those wishing to provide public comments on a specific agenda item. Sign-up must be completed **before** public comment begins on that agenda item. Additional names are generally not accepted **after** public comment has begun.

**Submission of Written Comments.** Written comments and materials to be included in Council meeting notebooks must be received at the Council office **by 5:00 pm (Alaska Time) on Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. **Please note this is one day earlier than usual to accommodate shipping material to Kodiak.** Written and oral comments should include a statement of the source and date of information provided as well as a brief description of the background and interests of the person(s) submitting the statement. Comments can be sent by mail or fax--please **do not** submit comments by e-mail. **It is the submitter's responsibility to provide an adequate number of copies of comments after the deadline.** Materials provided **during** the meeting for distribution to Council members should be provided to the Council secretary. A minimum of **25** copies is needed to ensure that Council members, the executive director, NOAA General Counsel, appropriate staff, and the official meeting record each receive a copy. If copies are to be made available for the Advisory Panel (**28**), Scientific and Statistical Committee (**18**), or the public after the pre-meeting deadline, they must also be provided by the submitter.

### FOR THOSE WISHING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE ADVISORY PANEL

The Advisory Panel has revised its operating guidelines to incorporate a strict time management approach to its meetings. Rules for testimony before the Advisory Panel have been developed which are similar to those used by the Council. Members of the public wishing to testify before the AP **must** sign up on the list for each topic listed on the agenda. Sign-up sheets are provided in a special notebook located at the back of the room. The deadline for registering to testify is when the agenda topic comes before the AP. The time available for individual and group testimony will be based on the number registered and determined by the AP Chairman. **The AP may not take public testimony on items for which they will not be making recommendations to the Council.**

### FOR THOSE WISHING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

The usual practice is for the SSC to call for public comment immediately following the staff presentation on each agenda item. In addition, the SSC will designate a time, normally at the beginning of the afternoon session on the first day of the SSC meeting, when members of the public will have the opportunity to present testimony on any agenda item. The Committee will discourage testimony that does not directly address the technical issues of concern to the SSC, and **presentations lasting more than ten minutes will require prior approval from the Chair.**

### COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

<b>ABC</b>	Acceptable Biological Catch	<b>MSFCMA</b>	Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
<b>AP</b>	Advisory Panel	<b>MMPA</b>	Marine Mammal Protection Act
<b>ADFG</b>	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	<b>MRB</b>	Maximum Retainable Bycatch
<b>BSAI</b>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	<b>MSY</b>	Maximum Sustainable Yield
<b>CDQ</b>	Community Development Quota	<b>mt</b>	Metric tons
<b>CRP</b>	Comprehensive Rationalization Program	<b>NMFS</b>	National Marine Fisheries Service
<b>CVOA</b>	Catcher Vessel Operational Area	<b>NOAA</b>	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
<b>EA/RIR</b>	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	<b>NPFMC</b>	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
<b>EEZ</b>	Exclusive Economic Zone	<b>OY</b>	Optimum Yield
<b>EFH</b>	Essential Fish Habitat	<b>POP</b>	Pacific ocean perch
<b>FMP</b>	Fishery Management Plan	<b>PSC</b>	Prohibited Species Catch
<b>GHL</b>	Guideline Harvest Level	<b>SAFE</b>	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document
<b>GOA</b>	Gulf of Alaska	<b>SSC</b>	Scientific and Statistical Committee
<b>HAPC</b>	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern	<b>TAC</b>	Total Allowable Catch
<b>IBQ</b>	Individual Bycatch Quota	<b>VBA</b>	Vessel Bycatch Accounting
<b>IFQ</b>	Individual Fishing Quota	<b>VIP</b>	Vessel Incentive Program
<b>IPHC</b>	International Pacific Halibut Commission		
<b>IRFA</b>	Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis		
<b>IRIU</b>	Improved Retention/Improved Utilization		
<b>ITAC</b>	Initial Total Allowable Catch		
<b>LAMP</b>	Local Area Management Plan		
<b>LLP</b>	License Limitation Program		

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Estimated Hours

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- (a) Approval of Agenda

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B. REPORTS

B-1 Executive Director's Report.

(2 hr)

B-2 Trawl 3<sup>rd</sup> Wire Report.

B-3 NMFS Management Report.

B-4 NMFS Enforcement Report.

C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS

C-1 Gulf of Alaska Rationalization

(20 hrs)

Review discussion papers and refine alternatives, elements and options.

C-2 Programmatic Groundfish SEIS

(12 hrs)

Select draft Preferred Alternative.

C-3 Essential Fish Habitat/Habitat Areas of Particular Concern

(6 hrs)

(a) Update on SEIS development.

(b) Report on Coral/Sponge bycatch limits.

(c) Committee report on HAPC process.

C-4 BS/AI Pacific Cod Allocation

(6 hrs)

Final Action on Amendment 77 (fixed gear allocations).

C-5 IR/IU

(10 hrs)

(a) Review alternatives and options for Trailing Amendment A (multi-species co-ops for H&G CP sector and species allocations).

(b) Final action on Trailing Amendment C (minimum retention standards).

(c) Discuss relationship/timing of assorted IR/IU amendments.

C-6 SSL

(1 hr)

SSL Mitigation Committee Report.

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

D-1 Groundfish Management (1 hr)

- (a) Target/Non-Target Workgroup Report.
- (b) BSAI Cod depletion study - Review 1<sup>st</sup> year results.

D-2 Crab Management (2 hr)  
Pribilof Blue King Crab Rebuilding Plan (Initial Review).

D-3 Staff Tasking (2 hr)  
Review tasking and provide direction to staff.

D-4 Other Business (1 hr)  
Approve updated SOPPS.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

F. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

Total Agenda Hours: 63 hours

	<b>SSC</b> Fishermen's Hall	<b>AP</b> Elks Lodge	<b>Council</b> Harbor Room
Monday, June 9	8:00am D-2 Crab Management 1:00pm C-5 IR/IU	8:00am Elect Officers C-1 Gulf Rationalization 1:00pm C-1 continued	
Tuesday, Jun 10	8:00am C-5 continued C-2 PGSEIS Enforcement Committee/6:30 pm (need room) 1:00pm C-2 continued	8:00am C-1 continued 1:00pm C-1 continued C-6 SSL	
Wednesday, Jun 11	8:00am D-1 Groundfish Management 6:00pm Community Reception Elks' Lodge 1:00pm C-3 EFH	8:00am C-2 PGSEIS 1:00pm C-2 continued B-2 Trawl 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wire Report	8:00am Call to Order B Reports C-6 SSL C-1 GOA Rationalization 1:00pm C-1 continued
Thursday, Jun 12		8:00am C-4 P. Cod Allocation 1:00pm C-4 continued C-3 EFH	8:00am C-1 continued 1:00pm C-1 continued
Friday, Jun 13		8:00am C-3 continued C-5 IR/IU 1:00pm Presentation/Discussion with Dr. Bill Hogarth	8:00am C-1 continued 1:00pm Presentation/Discussion with Dr. Bill Hogarth
Saturday, Jun 14 Coast Guard Public Workshop 6:00-9:00pm		8:00am C-5 continued 1:00pm D-1 Groundfish Management D-2 Crab Rebuilding D-3 Staff Tasking	8:00am C-2 PGSEIS 1:00pm C-2 continued
Sunday, Jun 15			8:00am C-2 continued C-3 EFH 1:00pm C-3 continued C-4 P. Cod Allocation
Monday, Jun 16			8:00am C-4 continued 1:00am C-5 IR/IU
Tuesday, Jun 17			8:00am C-5 continued 1:00pm C-5 continued D-1 Groundfish Management D-2 Crab Management
Wednesday, Jun 18			8:00am D-3 Staff Tasking D-4 SOPPs 1:00pm continue as necessary

NOTE: The above agenda items may not be taken in the order in which they appear and are subject to change as necessary. All meetings are open to the public with the exception of Council Executive Sessions.

## **NOAA and US Coast Guard Meeting Announcements**

NOAA Fisheries announces eight regional constituent sessions to be held in conjunction with Fishery Management Council meetings from June through September 2003. The sessions are intended to gather public input on ways to improve the effectiveness of NOAA Fisheries. The regional sessions will be a collaborative effort involving all major marine fisheries interests - councils, commercial and recreational fishermen, tribal, tribal representatives, and environmental organizations and federal and state government. The primary objective is to assemble and provide a comprehensive analysis of the diverse opinions, attitudes, and perspectives of marine resource stakeholders as they relate to broad themes in management and daily operations. The secondary objective is to identify performance measures.

The NOAA Fisheries 2003 Regional Constituent Session in conjunction with the North Pacific Council meeting will be June 13 (2pm-5pm and 6pm-8 pm) at the Kodiak Inn, Kodiak Alaska.

For more information, contact Patricia Lawson 301-713-2239 or [patricia.lawson@noaa.gov](mailto:patricia.lawson@noaa.gov). Visit the NOAA fisheries website for periodic updates on the regional sessions and to submit e-comments [http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/constit\\_sessions\\_2003.html](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/constit_sessions_2003.html)

U. S. Coast Guard FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 7, 2003. Contact: LT Ron Mench, 202-267-0932 Coast Guard to hold listening sessions on fisheries law enforcement plan WASHINGTON, D.C. The Coast Guard will hold listening sessions around the country beginning the end of March seeking input from all sectors of the fishing industry on its fisheries law enforcement strategy, especially as it relates to current fisheries trends and future challenges.

At the listening sessions, the Coast Guard will discuss its fisheries strategic plan, known as Ocean Guardian, which outlines the Coast Guard's strategy for effective and professional fisheries law enforcement. The Coast Guard enforces fisheries laws and regulations in the 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone (3.4 million sq.mi.) and on the high seas.

Ocean Guardian is revalidated every five years to ensure it is properly aligned with domestic and international enforcement needs. The Coast Guard encourages commercial and recreational fishers, managers, conservationists, and enforcement partners to participate.

The listening sessions will consist of a brief presentation on Ocean Guardian followed by a facilitated discussion of issues. During the discussion, all participants will be given the opportunity to identify and comment upon important issues affecting the industry now or in the future. They will also be asked to express their ideas for improving the Coast Guard's fisheries law enforcement strategy. Interested persons who are unable to attend the listening sessions may send comments via e-mail through a special Ocean Guardian website, <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-o/g-opl/mle/LMR/htm>. A copy of the current Ocean Guardian Strategic Plan, and a report on key outcomes from each listening session can also be found at the site.

The listening session for Alaska will be on Saturday June 14 in Kodiak, Alaska at 6:00pm in the Harbor Room at the Kodiak Inn (in conjunction with the June meeting of the NPFMC).